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Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 20, 2019, which was received in the Washington Office FOIA Service Center, Office of Regulatory and Management Services (ORMS) on the same date, and assigned tracking number 2019-FS-WO-04830-F. You requested the following records:

"A list of all no-bid contracts awarded to private firefighting contractors in 2018. A list of all no-bid contracts provided to caterers and other provision suppliers who provide services and goods to Forest Service wildland firefighting operations."

In response to your request, we conducted a search for responsive electronic and hard copy records. No records were found.

The FOIA provides that requesters pay the reasonable costs for search, review, and duplication of records. Pursuant to Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subtitle A, Part 1, Subpart A, Appendix A, there is no charge as the amount falls below the minimum amount required to collect fees.

This concludes the Forest Service's response to your FOIA request. The FOIA provides you the right to appeal this response. Any appeal must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter, to the Chief, USDA, Forest Service: 1) by email to wo\_foia@fs.fed.us; 2) by regular mail to Mail Stop 1143, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143; or 3) by Fed Ex or UPS to 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143 and telephone (202) 205-1542. The term "FOIA APPEAL" should be placed in capital letters on the subject line of the email or on the front of the envelope. To facilitate the processing of your appeal, please include a copy of this letter and/or the FOIA case number assigned to your request.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 205-1542. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information



for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1 (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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